

**Opening, Call to Order, Roll Call, Approval of Agenda, Approval of Minutes, Formal Public Comment**

Meeting called to order at 1:03 p.m. by President Gray. The following members of the State Board were present: Teri Quinn Gray, President; Nina Lou Bunting, Vice President; Gregory B. Coverdale, Jr.; G. Patrick Heffernan, Barbara B. Rutt, and Terry W. Whittaker. Secretary of Education Steven H. Godowsky was present to serve as the Executive Secretary for the State Board and the Board's Executive Director, Donna Johnson, was also present.

The agenda was approved as amended. It was noted that the Professional Standards Board withdrew the publication of regulation 1510 and Secretary Godowsky withdrew the presentation of the Special Education Strategic Plan. A motion was made by Dr. Whittaker and seconded by Mrs. Rutt to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The minutes of the regular meeting of September 15, 2016 were distributed prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Mrs. Rutt to approve the minutes of the Board's regular meeting of September 15, 2016. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heffernan and carried by voice vote (Mr. Coverdale abstained).

The minutes of the Board's Retreat held on September 27, 2016 were distributed prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Mrs. Bunting to approve the minutes of the Board's September 27<sup>th</sup> Retreat. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heffernan and carried by voice vote (Mrs. Rutt and Dr. Whittaker abstained).

The minutes of the Board's Retreat held on September 28, 2016 were distributed prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Mrs. Bunting to approve the minutes of the Board's September 28<sup>th</sup> Retreat. The motion was seconded by Mr. Coverdale and carried by voice vote (Mrs. Rutt and Dr. Whittaker abstained).

**Public Comment**

Two individuals signed up to address the State Board during public comment.

John Marinucci, Executive Director of the Delaware School Boards Association, provided the Board with an update on the activities, assistance, meetings and professional development offered by DSBA in the last month.

Kendall Massett, Executive Director of the Delaware Charter Schools Network announced that the School Choice Expo would be held on November 5<sup>th</sup>. She also thanked those who attended the IDEA Awards Event.

## **Committee Reports from State Board Members, Update from Executive Director, Release of State Board's Key Priorities for 2016-2017, Update on Literacy Campaign Efforts, Secretary's Report**

### Committee Reports and Executive Director's Update

Board members highlighted their monthly activities. Mrs. Bunting commented on the State Board's recent retreat and how beneficial it was to her as a Board member. Mrs. Rutt attended the DSBA Legislative Committee meeting noting the Committee discussed establishing legislative priorities. Mr. Heffernan and Mr. Coverdale also attended the Board's Retreat.

Ms. Johnson noted the news articles and information posted under the Executive Director's report. She commented on the many ESSA events taking place and opportunities to provide feedback. She also highlighted the recent P-20 Council meeting. Dr. Gray commented on DCSN's IDEA Awards event and Teen Sharp. She also attended the initial meeting of the Delaware Pathways to Prosperity Committee.

Ms. Johnson highlighted the State Board's Key Priorities for 2016-2017 which focus on standards and assessment, accountability and supports, educators as catalysts, and readiness for success. Ms. Johnson also noted an ECS report on reading assessments in other states. Such an assessment is one of the recommendations of the Board's literacy campaign.

### Secretary's Report

Secretary Godowsky highlighted the ESSA committees and the discussion groups that have been formed and the team effort taking place in developing the State's plan. He accompanied Governor Markell for the recognition of the Delaware Summer Chinese Program. Dr. Godowsky also noted that October was College Access Month and the Department's goal is that every high school student knows how to apply for college.

Secretary Godowsky commented that his decision to remove the presentation on the Special Education Strategic Plan was to provide more time for additional feedback.

## **Educators as Catalysts Showcase**

### Autism Network Presentation

The Board received a presentation from Teresa Avery from Autism Delaware and Annalisa Ekbladh from the University of Delaware Center for Disabilities Studies on Supporting Education for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder. The presentation focused on the supports needed for the rising number of students with autism. The creation of the Delaware Network for Excellence in Autism is providing some of that support but more work and legislation will be needed to connect classrooms to training and technical assistance. The U of D Center for Disabilities Studies, through a grant, created a statewide strategic plan for autism services and supports. The Blueprint for Collective Action noted the need for an ongoing interagency committee as well as an autism resource center to build statewide capacity. Legislative support

with Senate Bill 93 provided funding for the Delaware Network for Excellence in Autism which will provide training and technical assistance.

The Board recessed from 2:37 to 2:48 p.m.

## **ESSA Update, DOE Regulations**

### ESSA Update

Karen Field Rogers, Amelia Hodges and Candice Brooks provided the ESSA update for the State Board. The Stakeholder Consultation meetings included approximately 650 people and the four communication conversations reached out to approximately 107 individuals. Data was provided from the survey questions and it was noted that the second round of community conversations have been scheduled. The Governor's ESSA Advisory Committee is also meeting as are the two ESSA Discussion Groups.

### Department Regulations

Tina Shockley informed the State Board that Regulations 925 and 926, regulations pertaining to children with disabilities, requires a 60 day comment period. These amendments will be discussed at the Board's November meeting. Regulation 286 Application Fee for Educator Licensure is out for public comment and was discussed. The amendments are due to legislation passed during the last session of the General Assembly. Licensure applicants are charged but applicants hired in Delaware public schools will have the fee reimbursed. Regulation 612 Possession, Use or Distribution of Drugs and Alcohol is also out for public comment and those amendments are required to comply with legislation.

## **Charter Schools, Professional Standards Board, Information Items, Adjournment**

### Charter Schools

David Blowman and Denise Stouffer presented the Charter items to the State Board. The revised Charter Organizational and Financial Framework were on the Board's agenda for action. The frameworks were revised to align the performance level names with the DSSF. The performance levels are: Meets Standard, Approaches Standard and Far Below Standard. Ms. Johnson noted that the clarifications in the guidance document makes the frameworks a much stronger tool. It was noted that the Department is seeking the assent of the State Board to these revisions. A motion was made by Mrs. Rutt to assent to the Revised Charter Organization and Financial Frameworks as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heffernan and carried unanimously by voice vote.

The Board received an update on the charter renewals submitted. Prestige Academy did not apply to renew its charter and will be closing at the end of the school year. The Charter School Office will provide support and outreach to the families of Prestige Academy students. Academy of Dover did submit their renewal application and the Board received information on the timeline. Action on Academy of Dover's renewal will be on the Board's December meeting agenda.

Professional Standards Board

Chris Kenton, Executive Director of the Professional Standards Board, presented the agenda items for the Professional Standards Board.

Regulation 1561 Bilingual Teacher was discussed. This regulation is part of the five year review cycle and shall apply to the issuance of a Standard Certificate for Bilingual Teacher. No public comment has been received to date. Maria Paxson was present to respond to questions pertaining to certification and licensure.

Regulation 1565 World Language Teacher was discussed and is part of the five year review cycle. This regulation shall apply to the issuance of a Standard Certificate for World Language Teacher. No public comment has been received to date.

Regulation 1562 English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Teacher was presented to the State Board for action. This regulation shall apply to the issuance of a Standard Certificate Teacher of English Language Learners. No public comment was received. A motion was made by Mrs. Rutt to consent to amend 1562 English to Speakers of Other Languages to Teacher of English Learners, as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Whittaker and carried unanimously by voice vote. The Board signed the appropriate Order.

Adjournment

The information item on personnel was noted and the Board was reminded of their Retreat on November 3, 2016. There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Heffernan to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Bunting and carried unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted;

Steven H. Godowsky, Executive Secretary and  
Secretary of Education